

STATE OF SOUTH AUSTRALIA

Divorce etc. Statistics

1. Writs Issued and Orders Granted in 5 year periods ended 1920 to 1950 and annually 1948 to 1953.

Particulars	Averages for 5 years ended -					
	1920	1930	1935	1940	1945	1950
<u>WRITS</u>						
Divorce	64.4	152.2	235.6	311.4	616.2	777.0
Judicial Separation	1.2	1.8	0.4	-	1.4	1.0
Nullity of Marriage	-	1.8	0.6	.2	0.4	4.4
Total	65.6	155.8	236.6	311.6	618.0	782.4
<u>ORDERS</u>						
Divorce - Nisi	37.8	126.8	189.0	258.2	504.8	651.0
Absolute	22.6	106.6	166.8	242.4	422.2	646.0
Judicial Separation	0.6	0.4	0.8	2.2	1.4	1.6
Nullity of Marriage	0.2	0.6	0.6	1.8	0.4	3.6
<u>RESTITUTION OF CONJUGAL RIGHTS.</u>						
Petitions	0.2	-	-	-	0.8	1.2
Decrees	-	-	-	-	0.8	0.4

	Years					
	1948	1949	1950	1951	1952	1953
<u>WRITS</u>						
Divorce	742	784	781	812	805	921
Judicial Separation	1	2	1	-	2	1
Nullity of Marriage	3	4	1	-	5	2
Total	746	790	783	812	812	924
<u>ORDERS</u>						
Divorce - Nisi	601	675	615	608	596	634
Absolute	630	590	661	637	581	628
Judicial Separation	2	-	2	-	1	-
Nullity of Marriage	2	2	3	4	3	8
<u>RESTITUTION OF CONJUGAL RIGHTS</u>						
Petitions	1	-	1	-	-	-
Decrees	1	-	-	-	-	-

2. Grounds on which Divorces etc. granted

	1952			1953		
	Petition by -			Petition by -		
	Husband	Wife	Total	Husband	Wife	Total
<u>DIVORCES ABSOLUTE</u>						
Adultery	125	105	230	145	95	240
Desertion	116	136	252	113	151	264
Habitual Cruelty	6	80	86	4	103	107
Insanity	1	-	1	3	-	3
Drunkenness	1	7	8	1	9	10
Failure to Maintain	-	4	4	-	3	3
Other	-	-	-	-	1	1
Total	249	332	581	266	362	628
<u>NULLITY OF MARRIAGE</u>						
Impotence	1	1	2	2	2	4
Bigamy	1	-	1	1	1	2
Invalid Marriage	-	-	-	-	2	2

3. Divorce Absolute - Numbers according to Duration of Marriage and issue.

Duration of Marriage Years	ISSUE - (Living Children under 16 years)								Total
	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	
1952									
0 - 4	38	20	2	-	-	-	-	-	60
5 - 9	77	59	40	12	2	1	-	-	191
10 - 14	49	35	31	13	5	3	-	1	137
15 - 19	18	18	24	12	3	4	-	1	80
20 - 24	25	13	6	4	2	-	-	-	50
25 - 29	18	12	1	1	-	-	-	-	32
30 - 34	17	3	1	-	-	-	-	-	21
35 - 39	8	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	8
40 - 44	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2
45 - 49	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total	252	160	105	42	12	8	-	2	581
1953									
0 - 4	51	18	2	-	-	-	-	-	71
5 - 9	68	56	47	9	7	2	-	-	189
10 - 14	45	48	34	10	8	1	2	-	148
15 - 19	26	21	17	13	6	2	3	1	89
20 - 24	20	13	10	6	4	1	2	2a	57
25 - 29	30	6	3	1	1	-	-	-	42
30 - 34	15	2	2	-	-	-	-	-	19
35 - 39	9	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	11
40 - 44	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
45 - 49	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
Total	266	166	115	39	26	6	7	3a	628

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4. Divorce Absolute - Numbers according to Ages at time of Divorce

Age of Husband	Age of Wife								Total
	Under 25	25-29	30-34	35-39	40-44	45-49	50 & over	Not Stated	
1952									
Under 25	15	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	16
25 - 29	32	38	9	1	-	-	-	-	80
30 - 34	7	54	48	6	2	-	-	-	117
35 - 39	2	15	52	38	10	4	-	-	121
40 - 44	-	6	15	29	31	2	1	-	84
45 - 49	-	4	4	11	30	18	7	-	74
50 and over	-	1	2	5	13	17	48	-	86
Not Stated	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	3
Total	56	119	130	90	86	41	56	3	581
1953									
Under 25	18	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	19
25 - 29	35	44	12	1	1	1	-	-	94
30 - 34	5	41	49	15	-	-	-	-	110
35 - 39	2	19	41	45	10	4	-	-	121
40 - 44	-	5	16	33	27	8	3	-	92
45 - 49	-	2	4	14	30	20	2	-	72
50 and over	2	-	1	9	21	31	50	-	114
Not stated	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6	6
Total	62	112	123	117	89	64	55	6	628